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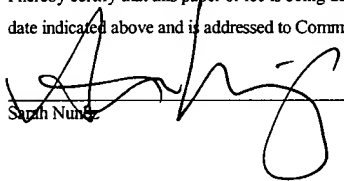
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of September 21, 2004, entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.